

NEWS BRIEFS

Assignment night
Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 02-15's assignment night begins at 5 p.m. today at the Columbus Club. Call Ext. 2489.

Bake sale
The enlisted spouses club has a bake sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the exchange. Call 434-8823.

Hispanic heritage month
Hispanic heritage month begins Sunday and ends Oct. 15. A pinata-breaking event is at 3:45 p.m. Tuesday at the youth center. Call Ext. 2504.

South gate
The south gate extends its hours to 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturdays beginning Monday. This gate is for all vehicles with current vehicle passes. Contractor delivery vehicles and visitors without a visitor's pass are still required to enter through the main gate.

Enlisted dorm dinner
The monthly enlisted dorm dinner is at 5 p.m. Thursday at the chapel annex. The menu theme is Italian and includes lasagna, pasta and more. Call Ext. 2500 or a first sergeant.

Uniform request
Retired Maj. Van Harl, Aberdeen High School Junior ROTC instructor, is in need of battle dress uniforms, BDU hats, combat boots or flight suits. To donate items, call 434-0059.

Mission Report	
As of Wednesday	
T-1A	T-37
Goal: 895.0 hrs.	Goal: 1,257
Flown: 880.4 hrs.	Flown: 1,132
T-38A	T-38C
Goal: 685	Goal: 42
Flown: 677	Flown: 27



2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett

A wing remembers ...
Honor guard members Senior Airman Catrina Prather, Airman 1st Class Nicholas Rivera-Lough, and Senior Airmen Steve Johnson and Leanna Cummins post the colors before the Sept. 11 memorial ceremony at the chapel. For memorial story and more photos, see pages 8 and 9.

Commander leads information board, base community welfare high priority

Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford
Public affairs

The 14th Flying Training Wing commander led his first community action information board meeting Sept. 4 in the wing conference room.
Col. Stephen Schmidt made it clear that the welfare of the base community is high on his list of CAIB priorities.
“I want to make sure that Columbus [AFB] is a great place to live and work,” Schmidt said. “We want people to desire to come back and tell other people about their positive experiences here.”
The colonel didn’t just ask people to make Columbus AFB a better community, he also had definite ideas about how he wants to make the base a happier place to work.

“We need to give everyone a voice in the community,” he said.
The CAIB is a forum to identify individual, family, installation and community concerns, and then develop solutions. Some topics addressed were the integrated delivery system of community services, the airman’s attic, the “Give Parents a Break” program, the child development center and the “Heart Link” program.
The integrated delivery system covers how the family support office, life skills office, family advocacy office, family member support flight, health and wellness center and chapel work together and with other base and community agencies to support the Columbus AFB community. Its responsibilities cover monitoring base suicide statistics, identifying community concerns and needs and imple-

menting solutions for base-wide outreach and prevention programs.
One idea is to create a Web page for “one-stop-shopping.” This would be a place for people to go to for all community needs.
“We want everyone to know what the CAIB and IDS do,” said Master Sgt. Yvonne Brackens, family support center superintendent. “We want people to have easy access about where to go in the middle of the night if they have a problem, whether that problem is thoughts of suicide, family problems or child care issues.”
Schmidt supported the Web page idea, adding that the more accessible the information, the greater the chances of reaching people who need the help.

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Single parent support group networks, discusses issues

Senior Airman Amanda Mills
Public affairs

The single parents support group met Tuesday to discuss fundraisers, get-togethers and other single-parent issues.
The family support center-sponsored program meets at 11 a.m. at the Columbus Club the second Tuesday of each month.
“The center started the group as a way to help single parents share information and build a network among each other,” said Lee Chouinard, family and work life consultant. “There’s power in numbers, and it’s always a good feeling to know you can call someone for whatever reason because they’ve been or are in your shoes.”
Any single parent can attend the meetings, Chouinard said.
“Men, women, new parents, older parents, civilians, officers or enlisted — they’re all invited,” she said.
Sometimes special speakers attend the meetings. People from finance, the legal office and family advocacy have briefed parents on a variety of subjects.
“We also try to get out and have fun together,” Chouinard said. “We’ve been to the hands-on children’s museum in Tuscaloosa, [Ala.,] and we’re making plans to do other things with and without our children.”
“I enjoy the group,” said Staff Sgt. Cherise Holmes, 14th Operations Support Squadron. “It’s a great way to exchange ideas with other single parents. I’ve also learned that I’m not the only one going through the hardship of raising a child alone.”
The center also offers occasional child care through the “Give Parents a Break” program, books and tapes on parenting and lunch seminars.
“The lunchtime gatherings have seemed to work the best for most people,” Chouinard said. “This way you can eat lunch, learn and socialize all at the same time. However, we can be flexible if we need to be.”
Monthly newsletters are available at the family support center.
For more information on the single parents group or other family support center programs, call Ext. 2790.

New squadron commander

Name: Lt. Col. David Eastman
Duty title: 14th Operations Support Squadron commander
What is your vision as a squadron commander?

My predecessor, Lt. Col. John Jackson, and the men and women of the 14th OSS have the squadron in great shape. My goal is to look at our processes and see what we can do to make things run a little smoother and reduce some of the high operations tempo we’ve seen recently.
I believe we can do this by seeking out new ways of doing business and finding ways to make things a little better each day. Solid processes reduce the potential for error and ensure success is not based solely on one individual. When you do this, your mission will continue to succeed long after the individual has moved on.
What is your leadership philosophy?
I believe if you take care of the people without losing sight of the mission, the people will take care of the mission. My job is to lead from out front by providing guidance and setting goals, and then get out of the way. I need to make sure I let the experts do what they’ve been trained to do.
What do you look forward to as your squadron’s commander?
I think I’m most excited about the opportunity to help people. I believe this position will allow me to make a difference in people’s lives as well as help the 14th Flying Training Wing train the world’s best military aviators.
Hometown: Lewisville, Texas
Spouse: Desiree
Children: Danielle Crowell, Meagan and Zachary



Lt. Col. David Eastman
14th Operations Support Squadron commander



Random act rewarded

SANDSTON, Va. — Darby Hill, whose drawing of the American flag and the words “Thank you” inspired Virginia Air National Guard’s 192nd Fighter Wing in the weeks following the Sept. 11 attacks, was honored Sept. 6 by the unit at its headquarters in Richmond, Va.
Dropped off at the gate days after the terrorist attack, the drawing had been given to Col. Steve Hicks, the base commander. He had it framed and hung in the 192nd FW headquarters building, where it boosted morale in the hectic weeks that followed the attacks.
Nearly a year later, it was the 192nd FW’s turn to give a special thank-you to the artist. The first grader and her family were escorted around the 192nd FW hangar. *(Courtesy of AF News)*

Inspectors monitor production

MARIETTA, Ga. — Two Tyndall AFB, Fla., airmen are playing key roles in Georgia to ensure the base’s future F-22 Raptors are delivered here with the right stuff.
Master Sgt. Richard Bailey and Staff Sgt. Mike Bedtelyon, 325th Operations Support Squadron members, are inspectors on the Air Combat Command F-22 Raptor Acceptance Team located at the Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company’s sprawling assembly facility in Marietta, Ga., a northwestern suburb in the Atlanta metropolitan area.
Bailey, an F-15 crew chief and quality assurance inspector, and Bedtelyon, an avionics technician, are now two of eight specialists on the acceptance team, which also includes experts in electrical systems, weapons, egress and propulsion.
“We have a pretty wide breadth of experience up here,” Bailey said.
He said the Air Force has fundamentally changed the way it conducts acceptance inspections. Typically, when a squadron received a jet, it entailed tearing the aircraft apart, verifying serial numbers, checking inside the panels and making nothing was wrong with the aircraft.
That process was very costly and labor intensive, Bailey said. As a result, the Air Force decided to conduct the acceptance inspection as the aircraft is being assembled.
“Now we (acceptance team) get the opportunity to go out every day and look at the airplane in certain areas as it’s being put together,” he said. “We identify to Lockheed any shortcomings that we see or things we think need attention, and they work the problem.”
Sergeant Bailey noted that acceptance inspections normally take about 10 days to complete.
“It’s not a cake job, though,” he cautioned. “What we’re doing up here on this airplane is far more in-depth than a normal acceptance inspection. We’re getting to see every aspect of the airplane as it’s getting assembled going down the line.” *(Courtesy of AETC News)*

Team of experts, peers help airmen in crisis situations

Airman 1st Class Chawntain Young Public affairs

The annual Critical Incident Stress Management seminar Sept. 5 and 6 taught military people and community professionals the importance of peer-related crisis intervention.

The life skills center and the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation Inc. presented the seminar at the community center.

“The purpose of the course is to train military members how to debrief coworkers who have been affected by a traumatic event without becoming emotionally involved,” said Capt. Samantha Blanchard, 14th Medical Group life skills center.

CISM debriefs involve the chaplain, a mental health advisor and a peer from the squadron who is unrelated to the crisis victims.

“The peer leads the debrief so the affected parties can relate without feeling they are being psychoanalyzed,” Blanchard said. “Mental health professionals support the volunteers and answer questions the peer may not be able to answer. A chaplain is there for spiritual guidance.”

The CISM training added to the skills learned in Airman Leadership School, said Staff Sgt. Dori Gilder, 14th Operations Support Squadron.

“You’re obligated to look out for your coworker,” Gilder said.

NCO’s should receive this training “because part of their job as a leader is to counsel members who are distressed,” added Staff Sgt. Jason Turnbough, 14th Communications Squadron.

Maj. Jay Fisher, 48th Flying Training Squadron, and Jeffrey Spraggins, Columbus Police Department, agreed the training teaches volunteers to have emotional self-control, so they can effectively debrief their coworkers.

“People look to us to be their hero, but we also need to be taken care of, so we are better equipped to take care of those who are affected by an emergency,” Spraggins said.

“Sometimes a crisis occurs when professional help is not available, and the

contents of this course increases their situational awareness during stressful situations,” explained retired psychologist Nina Stephenson, International Critical Incident Stress Foundation Inc. instructor.

“Military members take risks everyday, so it is very important for them to go through CISM training,” said Tracy Blanchard, Willow Brook Mental Health Facility at Baptist Memorial Hospital. “It is inevitable that they will come into contact with trauma.”

“I’m not a professional, but this training gives me the tools I need to deal with a crisis,” Fisher said. “It’s good to know that the Air Force is on the leading edge, and we are prepared to take care of our family.”

More random, weekend drug testing on horizon

Senior Airman Amanda Mills Public affairs

Columbus AFB is working to meet the Air Force’s goal of zero drug testing positives.

A new policy from the Department of Defense involves more frequent random testing of active-duty military, reservists and civilian employees in the coming year, according to Julie Jones, Drug Demand Reduction program manager.

“Even though our test-positive number has decreased from three to one in a year, we’re aiming to go even lower,” Jones said.

Current drug activity and trends in the off-base community are continuously tracked, identifying risk factors for Columbus AFB airmen, Jones said.

“There’s been a slight increase in the sale of cocaine and in possessions of a controlled substance,” said Joey Brackens, Lowndes County Sheriff’s Department. “However, the main concern seems to be the explosion in cases of the manufacture and possession of methamphetamine.”

There are some ways that Jones and Staff Sgt. Arden Hunt, NCOIC of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment, plan to combat drug activity and meet their goal.

“We believe our current numbers may be lower due to increased community awareness, weekend testing and base participation in drug-prevention events,” Arden said. “Therefore we really encourage people to be a [Drug Education for Youth] mentor or to volunteer during Red Ribbon Week activities.”

DEFY is a mentorship program for children. Red Ribbon Week is a drug-awareness week and activities include opening ceremonies, a Human Chain for a Drug Free Community Extravaganza and red ribbons from first sergeants.

Hunt and Jones have recently created a newsletter, the “Drug-Free Digest,” which they give to first sergeants to distribute through the e-mail system. The letter is a quarterly publication that offers drug prevention and education information.

They are also available for group or unit briefings or workshops.

Phase II of DEFY 2002 is from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 21. Red Ribbon Week is Oct. 23 to 31. For more information, call Jones at Ext. 2353 or Hunt at Ext. 2239.

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The goal of the IDS is to prevent losses — to drugs, to driving under the influence or to suicides. “This includes the kids in schools, our young airmen, everyone,” Schmidt said. “We need to make it as easy as possible for a person who is looking for hope to get it. Suicides are an indication we aren’t doing our job as an Air Force family. It is our job as leaders to look out for people.”

The airman’s attic is a program that supplies household goods to new officers, airmen and those rotating into Columbus AFB. Currently, the attic is still organizing but still needs donations. One idea is to create a virtual site where people may review items available and request them.

“This program is designed for people just starting out or whose furniture hasn’t arrived,” Brackens said. “People can donate couches, beds, pots and pans, dishes or anything that they no longer have a need for. A lot of times people PCS and don’t want to take their old furniture. The attic helps people coming to Columbus and keeps the furniture off the curb.”

The “Give Parents a Break” program is designed for families whose sponsor is deployed to a remote location, some single parents, those relocating or with special circumstances. Essentially the Air Force Aid Society pays for childcare for these families so they may enjoy a break from their children once a month. Parents must receive a referral from their commander, first sergeant, the family support center or the chapel to participate in this program. These monthly events are coordinated with the wing calendar and are usually at the same time as the “Parent’s Night Out,” during which parents who don’t qualify for “Give Parents a Break” pay for child care.

The child care center faces challenges to providing care to all the base’s children, but is taking steps to improve their reach.

“We are working toward certifying people for family child care in their homes and are looking forward to getting a bigger child care facility in the future,” said Jayne

Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford Public affairs

The pre-school story-time program began Wednesday at the library.

This month, three- to five-year olds are treated to stories read by Pat Jones, library technician.

“It’s important to get children involved in reading before they start school,” she said.

According to Martha Mann, child development center director, books are important to children.

“Reading is important to adults and children because all education and abilities beyond education is based on communication and written communication is a basic tool everyone uses for enjoy-

ment as well as in working life,” she said.

During September the story time is from 10-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays.

“I try to find stories that will help them develop mentally,” Jones said. “Stories about the library and manners teach them about real life situations while exposing them to books.”

She also chooses colorful books with big pictures and big words so the children can see them.

Children from the child development center, home-schooled children and those brought by at home parents learn about books in a library environment.

“I’m just thrilled to have this program available to our children — I certainly encourage any family that can bring a child to take advantage of it,” Mann said.



Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford
Capt. Samantha Blanchard, life skills flight commander, discusses suicide prevention programs with Staff Sgt. Arden Hunt, NCOIC life skills flight. The life skills center is an “integrated delivery system” team member.

Abshire, family member programs chief.

“We’re on track with creative short-term solutions and have a good long-term plan,” Schmidt said. “The thing that’s left is to come up with more creative solutions and implement the long-term one.”

Some other issues facing the CDC are an extended-duty care program for exercises, accommodating shift workers and mobility personnel and the unpredictability of providing drop-in childcare.

The final issue on the CAIB agenda was the new Air Force spouse orientation program, “Heart Link.” The program is for spouses with less than five years of exposure to the military. It seeks to increase the awareness of the Air

Force, its mission, traditions, customs and protocol. The class also provides participants information on resources and services available to military spouses.

“I’m really excited about this new program,” said Patsy Wood, career assistance relocation manager. “We’ve got interactive lessons and games and a new spouses’ coin for participants.”

The family support center also provides an employment referral service for spouses.

Schmidt ended the meeting with some closing thoughts.

“We’re here to support the airmen who work for us, not the other way around. It just takes a few good ideas to show people that we care,” the colonel said.

Pre-schoolers treated to story time

No open flames, burning allowed

In accordance with Columbus AFB Instruction 32-2001, no open flames or burning on Columbus AFB, to include aircraft parking areas, unless authorized by Ricky Allen, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron fire chief, are allowed. If deployed or permanently-stationed units require some type of special cooking or barbecuing needs, they need to request this in writing to Allen at the fire department, Bldg. 830. Call Ext. 2269.




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Military people serve goals larger than selves

Lt. Col. Jack Davidson
41st Flying Training Squadron



In the past year we have seen America endure the disbelief, grief, anger, resolve and steps toward restitution. So what do we do now? The answer will show in the actions that affect the future. America has grown tremendously in the past 12 months — a testament to our people, our commitment and our nation. Since I was not there and will not deploy to neutralize this threat, what does this mean to me? I think we have a renewed sense of patriotism and a fire to deal justice to those who have wronged our brethren.

Air Force leaders send message

WASHINGTON — The following is a joint Sept. 11 Patriot Day message from Secretary of the Air Force James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper:

“One year ago, our nation and the world suffered a shocking and tragic attack. Thousands died, many were injured and still more lives were forever altered with the loss of loved ones and friends. Wednesday we paid our respects to those who lost their lives in the attack, and we pay tribute to those service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure events like these never happen again. On America’s first Patriot Day, we pause and reflect on the sacrifices of our fallen countrymen. Remember them in your thoughts and your prayers.

“While we’ve suffered a great loss, the vivid memory of Sept. 11 has unified our nation and intensified our resolve to win the fight against international terrorism. As airmen, you can be especially proud of your contributions to this cause. When our nation needed its Air Force most,

In his State of the Union address Jan. 29, President George W. Bush remarked, “We want to be a Nation that serves goals larger than self. We have a unique opportunity, and we must not let this moment pass.” Our contribution may seem small to the war on terrorism or to the effort to topple Saddam, but each and every one of us is vital to the success of the United States.

What can we do? I think one answer lies in achieving a sense of purpose and mission. We are all critical to the success of our mission: To create the world’s best military aviators. How can we contribute? Here are a few practical ways to be part of something larger than self.

First of all, unit mission accomplishment should form the foundation for our professional behavior and attitude. Start with knowing the unit mission; it is critical to accomplishing it. Then know your job and the tasks to

complete your job. Focusing on the fundamentals of our job enhances core mission achievement. I once knew a pilot who had the best looking flight briefings, but when it came time to talk, he did not practice his briefs and consequently he could not communicate very well. His job performance suffered because he misprioritized what was important. Do I think first how my tasks will affect me or, rather, how it will affect the unit’s mission? Am I sacrificing my own standards to make something happen? Are my priorities vested in the United States, the Air Force and the unit before myself? Concentrate on what matters most.

Second, when accomplishing a task think about our role in the unit mission and how it fits into the larger picture.

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STRAIGHT TALK LINE

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place.

Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.

The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential. Messages may be answered in the Silver Wings without names.

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AF chief asks: ‘Reflect on Patriot Day’

WASHINGTON — The following is a Sept. 11 Patriot Day message from Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray:

The hours that followed the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks were some of the darkest in American history. Shock was followed by grief as our nation and the world mourned the loss of thousands of precious and innocent lives.

When the smoke cleared, a renewed sense of patriotism arose from the rubble and ashes of the burning buildings, uniting our nation in purpose. Families, friends, neighbors and even strangers embraced each other as Americans, and the red, white and blue of our flag graced porches, vehicles, clothing and banners.

America’s eyes turned to its men and women in uniform, and you did not disappoint.

Despite demanding missions at home and throughout the world, Air Force men and women rose to this new

challenge with the utmost professionalism and dedication.

The total force — active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilians — responded to the call as a proud nation watched. Today, you continue to stand shoulder to shoulder with allies and sister services against terrorism throughout the world. You continue to make your nation proud.

Throughout our country, people will gather this first Patriot Day to remember those who died in the attacks and in the ensuing rescue attempts, and to pay tribute to those service men and women who gave their lives in defense of freedom.

I encourage you to take time to reflect on the events of the past year and to remember in thought and prayer the families who lost loved ones. Your daily contributions and sacrifices stand as a beacon to the world that America remembers, and that we will pay any price to preserve the liberty we treasure. *(Courtesy of AF News)*

Day offers chance for solemn remembrance

Gen. Don Cook
Air Education and Training Command

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — Sept. 11 is forever and indelibly imprinted on the national psyche as a day when the enemies of freedom attacked our country, changing our world forever.

As we approached the one-year observance of that tragic and horrific day, preparations throughout our great nation were carried out to honor the memory of those innocent people who died and to rededicate ourselves to the cause of freedom and justice.

Memorial services and observances were held in our nation’s capital, in our great cities and in our small towns. Americans came together on college campuses; in our high schools, middle schools, and grade schools; in our churches, synagogues and mosques; on our military installations; and at our national monuments. They came

together to grieve and pay homage to those who paid the ultimate price for freedom.

On this solemn anniversary, let each of us build on a noble and strong foundation by showing our respect and reverence for our fellow citizens, citizens from around the world and servicemen and women who fell under the blade of hatred, and before the enemies of freedom. Let us not stoop to the level of our enemies by burning flags and effigies or otherwise fanning the fires of hatred. We, the American people, and we the members of the United States Air Force hold ourselves to higher standards. I hope our actions on Sept. 11 told the world who we are and what we stand for: freedom, justice and equality for all.

In the past 12 months, the resolve of the American people has risen from the ashes of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and United Airlines Flight 93. We are more

determined than ever to wipe terrorism from the face of the earth, because we cannot forget the images of that day.

The men and women throughout the Air Force are fully engaged in that battle. Many of our people have and will continue to deploy to support Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle. And every day, we recruit, train and educate the finest men and women our nation has to offer to sustain the combat capabilities of the mightiest Air Force in the world.

We most appropriately honored those who died on Sept. 11 by our noble service to the nation and its people. We also honored those courageous Americans who have died in combat fighting for freedom. We most suitably remembered them on the first anniversary of the attack by our reverence and solemn vigilance to persevere in this fight. *(Courtesy of AETC News Service)*

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Make no mistake — we will be challenged. International terrorists should harbor no illusion that Americans will sit idly by and wait for the next attack. We will not. We will take the initiative and take the fight to them wherever they hide, before they strike. Ultimately, we best honor those lost on Sept. 11 by rededicating ourselves to the obligations of military service and by ensuring we have the capability, training and resolve to win those fights wherever and whenever they occur.

“A year ago, some of our enemies believed the principles of our nation — liberty and equality — were somehow tenuous symbols that could be attacked and

destroyed. They were wrong. The United States of America is more than a place; it is a glorious idea that will endure as long as people who seek freedom exist around the world. We will prevail in this fight. The character of the American people and our willingness to bear any burden in the name of liberty will not allow an outcome to the contrary.”

“As President Bush unequivocally stated, ‘We will not waver, we will not tire, we will not falter, and we will not fail.’ The road ahead is clear, your efforts tremendous, and America’s future is shining brightly. May God bless you and may God bless America.” *(Courtesy of AF News)*

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It’s easy to perform a task without regard to how it fits into the larger picture. If you are a supervisor, do you take time to explain how the job or task fits into the mission? Do you ask your boss questions when you do not understand how a task or job fits into the mission? Imagine yourself as your boss or your boss’ boss reviewing the task or job-what would he/she think? When you write a talking paper, do you write it to spit out information or do you write it for a target audience? Or, what would your supervisor do differently if he or she were going to do it? Does it meet his or her intent and advance the unit towards mission accomplishment? Is there a better way to do it? How does your action impact other units and agencies?

Third, innovation is crucial to vaulting the organization to meeting its goals. So many times I’ve met resistance to change — “That’s the way we’ve always done it” or “What’s broken?” If we say “Pound this square peg until it fits,” we are not taking the time to find a better and easier way to establish the goal and let the experts figure out how to get there. The creative person who thinks outside the container, asks questions and does not restrict himself to the norms established by others is often more productive than the person with the biggest hammer. It involves change, risk and trust. When was the last time your boss said, “This is what I would like to see, you figure out how to get there”?

When was the last time you came up with a different way to solve a problem, a way that perhaps required other people to change the way they were doing things but ultimately would be better? Do you bring solutions or just problems?

Finally, focusing on mission success means steering the steady course. Everyone needs to understand the unit mission and the goals to get there. Do you know your unit mission? Do you know the goals to make the mission successful? Planning ahead is critical to steering the steady course — look more than six inches in front of you and you may not bump into the wall. When all we do is react, the boat flounders. Planning ahead creates stability and predictability and propels the unit to mission success. Steering the steady course allows everyone to stand back and look for ways to make it better. Everyone knows the boat’s destination.

Although we are not in Afghanistan or some other country carrying out America’s will, we are vital to any Air Force mission. Sometimes we may feel like we want to help, but do not know how. Our battle with terror is a year old and it is a marathon — we contribute by focusing on our unit mission and job fundamentals. Through innovation, steering the steady course and planning ahead we enhance success at every level. When we look to the future as an opportunity to move forward we become part of something larger than self.



Attendees at the service bow their heads during Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Joseph Motsay's invocation.



James Stanmore plays the keyboard.



Re-enlistees recite the Oath of Enlistment with Col. Mike Parsons, 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander, at the re-enlistment ceremony at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Wing Ceremonial Plaza. The ceremony was part of Columbus AFB's tribute to the memory of those who died one year ago at the hands of terrorists.

Photos by 2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett

Wing remembers Sept. 11

Columbus AFB honors victims on Patriot Day

2nd. Lt. Joseph Coslett
Public affairs

Terrorists crashed the first airplane into the World Trade Center at 8:46 a.m. Sept. 11, 2001. Several other terrorist acts shortly followed.

First the nation mourned the loss of several thousand men and women, then out of the dust came a resolve to unify.

Eight Air Force members re-enlisted at 9 a.m. Wednesday to show their determination to stand strong in these difficult times.

Col. Mike Parsons, 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander, swore in Tech Sgts. Spencer Willis, 14th Services Division, Eric Sutton, 14th Medical Support Squadron; Staff Sgts. Eddy Gilder, 14th Communication Squadron, and Fredrick Stephens, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron; Senior Airmen Iris Bennett, 14th Medical Group, Nancy Cummings, 14th Security Forces

Squadron, Alexis Scott, 14th Operations Group, and Shawn Welborn, 14th CES.

"We're making the statement, 'We are still on duty, still on call and will serve no matter what,'" Sutton said. "We'll be here tomorrow and for a long time to come."

The chapel hosted an "America Remembers" service in the afternoon. Faithful service men and women and civilians who came to honor the patriotism of our Armed Forces filled the chapel.

The service included prayers of hope and remembrance. The Columbus AFB Honor Guard began by slowly marching down the chapel isle carrying the red, white and blue. Upon reaching the stage they posted the colors. Then, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Joseph Motsay gave the invocation and welcomed all who came.

"The service instilled pride, honor and unity that we forget day to day," said 2nd Lt. Brandy Hewins, 14th FTW.

President George Bush speaking at the Pentagon, during the 1-year anniversary of the attacks, told members of the armed forces, "You are worthy of the traditions you represent, the uniform you wear, the ideals you serve. America is counting on you and our confidence is well-placed."



Senior Airman Steve Johnson, honor guardsman, marches the coat of arms down the chapel isle.

What was your reaction to the news?

I was the supervisor of flying, and I was upgrade training Capt. John Fair. Someone ... called and said that an airplane had flown into the World Trade Center. We both thought it was a joke. Then ... the Federal Aviation Administration was directing all aircraft to land. When I saw the second aircraft hit ... I was sick to my stomach.

Major Eddie Altizer,
43rd Flying Training Squadron

I remember exactly where I was; I was deployed in Southern Watch in Saudi Arabia in Eskan Village, standing in the orderly room, and they had a television. Having lost my dad when I was 8 and my mom when I was 14, my first initial thought was, "How many kids just lost their moms and dads?"

Chief Master Sgt. Tom Pelfrey,
14th Operations Group

My wife called me ... shortly after it happened, and I went to the battle staff. We were just watching the footage over and over. I couldn't imagine why anyone would want to kill innocent people, people that have no ability to protect themselves. I was afraid; I was hoping that the buildings wouldn't collapse.

Rodney Roberts,
14th Civil Engineer Squadron

That it wasn't real. I felt like everything stopped — all the important stuff I was working on at the time didn't seem so important. I couldn't focus on anything, other than what was happening at that moment in time.

2nd Lt. Sharon Gregory,
14th Mission Support Squadron

I was really shocked. I lived in Israel for seven years, and we'd get attacked all the time, but when you think about America, that just doesn't happen. You have to be really ignorant to attack America, and I thought "How could they have the audacity!" I was scared I was going to be deployed, so I got my stuff ready to go and just waited.

Airman 1st Class Daneille Werner,
14th Support Group

I couldn't believe it; I guess it was a mixture of shock and outrage. I was surprised that they sent us home; I wanted to stay and work. When it comes down to it, whether your active duty, enlisted, commissioned, guard, reserve or contracted civilian, at that point it doesn't matter. We are all working to defend our nation.

John Knowles,
Dyncorp Quality Control

AT THE CHAPEL

Chapel schedule
Catholic
Sunday activities:
9 a.m. — Mass
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — Mass
Wednesday
11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant
Sunday activities:
9 a.m. — Sunday school
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship
1 p.m. — Contemporary worship
Wednesdays
5:30 p.m. — Video Bible study sup-
per
7:15 p.m. — Choir rehearsal
Thursdays
11:30 a.m. — Lunch Bible study
For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or
other services, call the chapel at Ext.
2500.

AT THE MOVIES

All movies are shown at 7 p.m.,
unless otherwise noted, at the base the-
ater.

Today
“Austin Powers: Goldmember” (PG-
13, sexual innuendo, crude humor and
language, 123 min.)
Starring: Mike Meyers and Heather
Graham.

Saturday
“Master of Disguise” (PG, mild lan-
guage and some crude humor, 67 min.)
Starring: Dana Carvey and Jennifer
Esposito.

CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements
for people living in base housing or the
dormitories.
Call 2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett for more
information at Ext. 7065.

Weekdays
9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.
Air Force Television News
Monday through Sept. 20
9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.
College Level Examination Program:
“Introduction to Management”

FAMILY SUPPORT



(Editor’s note: All activities are offered
at the family support center unless oth-
erwise specified. For more information, call
Ext. 2790.)

Transition assistance workshop: This
workshop for military members separating
or retiring is from Tuesday to Thursday.
A veterans affairs benefits meeting is a
part of this workshop at 10:15 a.m.
Thursday.

Career focus program: This program
is for spouses seeking employment in the
local area. Stop in to see what is available.

Bundles of Joy: The date has been
changed from Sept. 23 to 2 p.m. Sept. 30.
Active-duty people or spouses of active-
duty people who are expecting a baby are
eligible for this free program with infor-
mation and gifts for their child.

Commander’s call information:
Briefings are available upon request for
services offered at the center or other spe-
cial requests such as stress management
tips or team building.

WIC: The Women, Infants and Children
program is available for pregnant women
or for people with children under 5. Call
the center for an appointment.

BASE NOTES



Case lot sale: The commissary partici-
pates in the “World’s Biggest Case Lot
Sale” from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 20 and
from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 21. Call Ext.
7109.

OSC social: The Columbus AFB
Officer spouse’s Club social is at 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 8 at the Columbus Club. The menu is
chef’s salad for \$8 or bread bowl stew or
chili for \$9.50. Nonmembers pay an addi-
tional \$3. New members are welcome.
For reservations, call 434-5511 or email
davidjeastman@cableone.net by Oct. 1.

Supply assistance: The point of contact



Airman Alexis Lloyd

Youth soccer coaches

Steve Hollister, youth sports director, helps 2nd Lt. Ray Kelly, 14th Communications Squadron, fill out the paperwork required to coach youth soccer. Volunteers are still needed to coach ages 5 to 7 and as assistant coaches for ages 8 to 10. Call Ext. 2504.

for supply customers requiring assistance is
customer service. For assistance, call Ext.
7178.

Found property: The 14th Security
Forces Squadron Investigation section has
numerous items that have been found or
turned in.
Positive identification of an item is need-
ed to reclaim the property.

Thrift shop: Thrift shop hours are from 4
to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Thursdays. Consignments are accepted until
an hour before closing time. Call Ext. 8452.

AROUND TOWN



Bluegrass concert: A bluegrass group
that has performed on Prairie Home
Companion and the Grand Ole Opry per-
forms at 7 p.m. today at the Princess Theater
in downtown Columbus. Admission is \$15
in advance and \$18 at the door.
For information, visit or call the
Columbus Arts Council at the Rosenzweig
Art Gallery on Main Street at 328-2787.

German ladies luncheon: All German
women in the local area are invited to a lun-
cheon at 11:30 p.m. Wednesday at Ryan’s
Restaurarant.
For more information, call 328-4359.

Roast and boast: The 2002 “Roast-n-
Boast Barbecue” from 5 p.m. to midnight
Sept. 20 and from 9 a.m. to midnight Sept.
21 at the Columbus fairgrounds. Admission
is \$5. The event includes musical entertain-
ment by Topper Brice and the Upsetters
Sept. 20 and the country band Black Hawk
Sept. 21. Volunteers are needed to help the
barbeque contestants. Volunteers receive
free entry, food and access to all areas. To
volunteer, call (662) 240-1212.

Mid-south fair: This fair is from 10
a.m. to 10 p.m. Sept. 20 to 29 at the Mid-
South fairgrounds in Memphis, Tenn.
Admission for everyone ages 4 and older is
\$3 Sept. 20. After Sept. 20, admission is \$5
for people over 4 feet tall and \$3 for people
under 4 feet tall. Those ages 3 and younger
are free. Wristbands are available for \$15
plus admission. Wristband times are from
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 20 and 23 and from
noon to 10 p.m. Sept. 24, 25, 26 and 29.
Call (901) 274-8800.

Adoption support group: The support
group for people considering adopting a
child or those who have already adopted a
child is having its first meeting at 2 p.m.
Sept. 22 at the activities building of
Fairview Baptist Church, Miss. The sup-
port group provides social opportunities,
educational programs and support for fam-
ilies seeking international or domestic
adoption or considering adoption. Children
are welcome. Please bring a dessert to
share. For more information, call Beth
Runkle at 329-7515.

Services: Points the way to fun times

All-ranks bingo: Come
and play bingo Fridays
at 5:30 p.m. at the com-
munity center. There are two \$25
games, two \$50 regular games and
one \$500 progressive jackpot with
a consolation prize of \$50 if the
jackpot does not go in 55 numbers
or less. Cost is \$1 for a 2-on-1 card
for the \$25 games, \$1.50 for a 3-
on-1 card for the \$50 games and \$1
for a single card for the jackpot
game. Must be a services club
member to play. Call Ext. 2489.

**Enlisted lounge enter-
tainment:** Disc jockey
Maze entertains from 9
p.m. to 1 a.m. today.

**Mystery dinner the-
ater:** The Mumford
Manor Murder Mystery
dinner theater comes to the
Columbus Club Saturday. Dinner is
served from 6 to 7:30 p.m. with the
show beginning at 8 p.m. Cost is
\$25 per person and includes a clas-
sic prime rib buffet dinner. Seating
is limited. Purchase tickets at the
Columbus Club.

**Steak and chicken
grill:** The Columbus
Club’s Tuesday night
buffet features sirloin steak and
chicken grill and is from 5 to 7:30
p.m. Price is \$7.95 for club mem-
bers and \$10.95 for nonmembers.
Call Ext. 2489.

Parents night out: The
child development cen-
ter and youth center
offer a parents night out from 4 to
10 p.m. Sept. 21. Cost is \$2.50 per
hour per child. Make reservations
by Sept. 18. Call the child develop-
ment center at Ext. 2478 or the
youth center at Ext. 2504.

**Give Parents a Break
Program:** This program
is for families whose
sponsor is deployed, people relocat-
ing, single parents or those with
unusual situations who have chil-
dren ages 6 weeks to 12 years. It is
offered from 4 to 10 p.m. Sept. 21.
Obtain a voucher from the family
support center. Call Ext. 2790.

**Family child care pro-
gram:** Anyone interest-
ed in becoming a family
child care provider should contact
the family child care office at Ext.
2486.

If a person provides care for 10
or more hours a week for one or
more children, he or she must
obtain a license through the family
child care office. Call Ext. 2479.

Retirees special:
Retirees can use their
commissary or base
exchange receipt to receive a free
small drink with the purchase of
any food order at the bowling cen-
ter. Receipt must be dated the same
day as you receive your free soda.
Call Ext. 2426.

**Parents advisory com-
mittee meeting:** The
after-school program
parents advisory committee meet-
ing is at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 26 at the
youth center. Call Ext. 2504.

**Professional football
game:** The information,
ticket and travel office
offers a trip Oct. 5 to 6 to watch the
Pittsburgh Steelers against the New
Orleans Saints. Deadline to register
is Sept. 27. Cost is \$110 per person
and includes transportation, lodging
(double occupancy), tickets to the
game and shuttle service. A \$50
deposit is required at registration.
Call Ext. 7858.

Teen dance: The youth
center offers a teens
only dance from 8 to 10
p.m. Sept. 28. Cost is \$2 for mem-
bers and \$4 for nonmembers. Call
Ext. 2504.

**Worldwide family tal-
ent contest:** The contest
is Nov. 2 at the youth
center. There are 11 categories
available, covering ages 3 to 18
year olds, solo or in groups as well
as two-person teams and a family
category including a husband and
wife with a minimum of one child
or one parent with two children. All
types of music and acts are autho-
rized but are checked to ensure the
material is suitable for family audi-
ences. Register by Oct. 12 at the
youth center. Call Ext. 2504.



Rachel Kasic

For the refrigerator!

Kody Cain, age 3, colors a picture while attending the preschool program sponsored by the child development center at the youth center. The half-day preschool program is for ages 3 to 5. Each session meets from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Currently there are openings in the Tuesday and Thursday classes. There is a waiting list for the Monday, Wednesday and Friday classes. Fees are based on total family income. For more information, call Ext. 2479.

Columbus Club Lunch Buffet

Served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Cost: \$4.95 for members and \$7.50 for nonmembers
Price includes vegetable of the day, salad and tea

Today
Fried Catfish
Popcorn Shrimp
Cherry Cobbler

Monday
Fried Chicken
Grilled Pork Chops
Peach Cobbler

Tuesday
Meat Loaf
Sweet & Sour Pork
Banana Pudding

Wednesday
Bratwurst
Lemon Pepper Chicken
Apple Dumplings

Thursday
Roast Pork
Chicken Fried Steak
Apple Cobbler

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www.cafbgrapevine.com